

2. (twice amended) A receiver for receiving a water-based colorant image transferred by a stamp, comprising:

- (a) an image receiving structure having:
 - (i) a support;
 - (ii) a barrier layer formed over the support; and
 - (iii) an information receiving layer which contains recorded information, such information receiving layer being formed over the barrier layer; and
- (b) a clear hydrophilic layer formed over the information receiving layer and selected so as to be able to receive a water-based colorant image.

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a clear hydrophilic layer, does not reasonably provide enablement for a hydrophilic layer generally (e.g., one that is not clear). The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected to make the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to specify that the hydrophilic layer is clear. The Examiner has indicated that this change should obviate the rejection under 35 USC § 112.

Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bodager et al.

The present invention will be briefly reviewed with respect to claim 1. The claimed receiver has an information receiving layer which contains recorded information and a clear hydrophilic layer formed over the information receiving layer and selected so to be able to receive a water based colorant image. Clearly receivers in accordance with the present invention have two images on them, one in the information receiving layer and one in the clear hydrophilic layer.

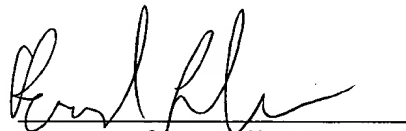
Bodager et al relate to an ink jet medium having a substrate, water-absorbent layer and an ink receiving layer. After being printed with an aqueous pigmented ink the ink-receiving layer can be laminated. There is only a single

image recorded in this arrangement. There is no structure which corresponds to the image receiving layer set forth in either claims 1 and 2. Bodager et al have a receiver which is capable only of receiving one ink jet printed image. Receivers in accordance with the present invention have two separate images. There is no motivation or any suggestion in Bodager et al for having a receiver capable of having two different images. The water absorbing layer in Bodager et al is a hydrophilic layer that is capable of receiving a water based image. That is the only layer that receives an image and it is an ink receiving layer. Assuming it is true as the Examiners says that if the water absorbing layer of Bodager et al is equivalent to Applicants clear hydrophilic layer there is nothing in Bodager et al which can have another image.

It is believed that these changes now make the claims clear and definite and, if there are any problems with these changes, Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed none of the references, taken singly or in combination, disclose the claimed invention. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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